

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-3. (Canceled)

4. (Previously Presented) Device according to claim 8, wherein the contact plate is additionally positively held in frame.

5-7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) Device for receiving PTC elements in a heating device, having an insulating frame having parallel, spaced longitudinal struts and longitudinally spaced crossbars linking the longitudinal struts, and at least one electrically conductive contact plate held in said insulating frame and on which can be placed the PTC elements, the longitudinal struts and longitudinally spaced crossbars surrounding recesses for receiving the PTC elements, wherein the contact plate is molded in the frame and, at least in a limited longitudinal portion of the frame, the contact plate is completely and tightly surrounded by the frame, and wherein the contact plate projects past the frame at at least one end of the frame.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Previously Presented) Device according to claim 8, wherein the projecting end or ends of the contact plate are constructed as terminal lugs.

11. (Previously Presented) Device according to claim 8, wherein the frame is made from at least one material selected from the group consisting of plastic, polymer ceramic, and moulded-on ceramic.

12. (Previously Presented) Device according to claim 11, wherein on a side of the contact plate remote from a reception side for the PTC elements, the frame is completely closed and consequently the contact plate is provided with a covering completely covering the same.

13. (Previously Presented) Device according to claim 11, wherein on its side remote from the reception side for the PTC elements, the contact plate is covered by a polymer ceramic or ceramic cover layer, whilst the rest of the frame is made from plastic or polymer ceramic.

14-30. (Canceled)

31. (Previously Presented) Device according to claim 8, wherein bulges, projecting over at least one side of the frame are constructed on the frame for frictionally holding the frame in a profile tube.

32-38. (Canceled)

39. (Previously Presented) Device for receiving PTC elements in a heating device, having an insulating frame having parallel, spaced longitudinal struts and longitudinally spaced crossbars linking the longitudinal struts, the frame being made from at least one material selected from the group consisting of plastic, polymer ceramic and moulded-on ceramic, and at least one electrically conductive contact plate held in the insulating frame and on which can be placed the PTC elements, wherein the contact plate is frictionally held in the frame so that the contact plate cannot be drawn out of the frame without damaging the frame, and wherein, over most of its length, the contact plate is held in grooves of the frame formed in longitudinal struts, wherein the longitudinal struts and

longitudinally spaced crossbars surround recesses for receiving the PTC elements and the longitudinally spaced crossbars are constructed as inwardly directed studs for the positive retention of the PTC elements, wherein the contact plate projects past the frame at at least one end of the frame, and wherein on its side remote from the reception side for the PTC elements, the contact plate is covered by a polymer ceramic or ceramic cover layer, whilst the rest of the frame is made from plastic or polymer ceramic.

40-41. (Canceled)

42. (Currently Amended) ~~Device for receiving PTC elements in a heating device, having an insulating frame having parallel, spaced longitudinal struts and longitudinally spaced crossbars linking the longitudinal struts, according to claim 8, wherein the frame being is made from at least one material selected from the group consisting of plastic, polymer ceramic, and moulded on ceramic, and at least one electrically conductive contact plate held in said insulating frame and on which can be placed the PTC elements, longitudinal struts and longitudinally spaced crossbars surrounding recesses for receiving the PTC elements, wherein the contact plate is molded in the frame and, wherein, over most of its length, the contact plate is held in grooves of the frame formed in longitudinal struts, wherein the contact plate projects past the frame at at least one end of the frame, and~~ wherein on its side remote from the reception side for the PTC elements, the contact plate is covered by a polymer ceramic or ceramic cover layer, whilst the rest of the frame is made from plastic or polymer ceramic.

43. (Previously Presented) Device for receiving PTC elements in a heating device, having an insulating frame having parallel, spaced longitudinal struts and longitudinally spaced crossbars linking the longitudinal struts, and at least one electrically conductive contact plate held in the insulating frame and on which can be placed the PTC elements, wherein the contact plate is frictionally held in the frame so that the contact plate cannot be drawn out of the frame without damaging the frame, and wherein, over most of its length, the contact plate is held in grooves of the frame formed in longitudinal struts, wherein the longitudinal struts and longitudinally spaced crossbars surround recesses for receiving the PTC elements and the longitudinally spaced crossbars are constructed as inwardly directed studs for the positive retention of the PTC elements, wherein the contact plate projects past the frame at at least one end of the frame, and wherein bulges, projecting over at least one side of the frame are constructed on the frame for frictionally holding the frame in a profile tube.

44. (Currently Amended) Device for receiving PTC elements in a heating device, having an insulating frame having parallel, spaced longitudinal struts and longitudinally spaced crossbars linking the longitudinal struts, and at least one electrically conductive contact plate held in said insulating frame and on which can be placed the PTC elements, the longitudinal struts and longitudinally spaced crossbars surrounding recesses for receiving the PTC elements, wherein the contact plate is molded in the frame and, wherein, over most of its length, the contact plate is held in grooves of the frame formed in longitudinal struts, wherein the contact plate projects past the frame at at least one end of the frame, and

wherein bulges, projecting over at least one side of the frame are constructed on the frame for frictionally holding the frame in a profile tube.

45. (Currently Amended) Device for receiving PTC elements in a heating device, having an insulating frame having parallel, spaced longitudinal struts and longitudinally spaced crossbars linking the longitudinal struts, and at least one electrically conductive contact plate held in said insulating frame and on which can be placed the PTC elements, the longitudinal struts and longitudinally spaced crossbars surrounding recesses for receiving the PTC elements, wherein the contact plate is molded in the frame and, at least in a limited longitudinal portion of the frame, the contact plate is completely and tightly surrounded by the frame, wherein the contact plate projects past the frame at at least one end of the frame, wherein the projecting end or ends of the contact plate are constructed as terminal lugs, and wherein the frame is made from at least one material selected from the group consisting of plastic, polymer ceramic, and moulded-on ceramic.

46. (New) A device for receiving PTC elements in a heating device, comprising:

an insulating frame having parallel, spaced longitudinal struts extending in a longitudinal direction of the insulating frame and longitudinally spaced crossbars extending perpendicularly to the longitudinal struts and linking the longitudinal struts, wherein the longitudinal struts and longitudinally spaced crossbars define and surround spaced recesses in the insulating frame in which PTC elements can be held; and

at least one electrically conductive contact plate held in the insulating frame on which PTC elements provided in the recesses of the insulating frame can be placed, the at least one electrically conductive contact plate having longitudinally extending side edges;

wherein the longitudinal struts of the insulating frame completely and tightly surround most of the length of the longitudinally extending side edges of the at least one electrically conductive contact plate such that the at least one electrically conductive contact plate cannot be drawn out of the insulating frame without damaging the insulating frame.